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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION DATED MAY 26, 2006** 

In response to the Office Communication dated May 26, 20056 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 26, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. While no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 09-0465/ROC920010307US1 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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